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## ***Hunt loses \$1 million libel case***

Miami (UPI)—Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt lost his \$1 million libel claim yesterday against a tabloid that linked him to President Kennedy's assassination.

A federal jury of four women and two men deliberated three hours before ruling in favor of The Spotlight, a weekly publication of the right-wing Liberty Lobby of Washington, D.C.

Hunt, 66, a former CIA agent who spent 33 months in prison for his part in the Watergate conspiracy, was awarded \$650,000 when the case first went to a jury in December 1981. But that verdict was overturned on appeal in 1983 and a new trial ordered because the judge's instructions to the jury were flawed.

In closing arguments, his attorneys asked for \$500,000 in punitive and \$500,000 in compensatory damages for the Aug. 14, 1978, article entitled "CIA to Nail Hunt in Kennedy Killing" by freelance writer and former CIA agent Victor Marchetti.